

## WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To: Local Media

Fr: Lt. G. Sparger

Re: News release for criminal arrest

Local Media,

In recent weeks, the West Lafayette Police Department has received several complaints of burglary from residents of the University Farms Neighborhood located in the North part of our city.

The method of the burglar has been to enter homes in the neighborhood through open overhead garage doors or unsecured entry doors. Items stolen include electronics, wallets, purses, cash, and credit cards.

On 11/11/2009 Detective Sgt. Marion received information that the suspect Kenneth D.B. Thomas, was at the Tippecanoe Mall. Sgt. Marion responded to the Mall and located the suspect.

After interviewing the suspect, Detective Sgt. Marion arrested him. At the time of his arrest, Mr. Thomas had stolen credit cards in his possession as well as merchandise purchased with the same. Kenneth D.B. Thomas, age 18 of 3022 Fall Pl. in West Lafayette, was charged with Fraud, Forgery, and possession of stolen property. The investigation is continues.

Patrol Officers have increased their presence in the area of the crimes. The officers of the West Lafayette Police Department urge residents to secure their residences each night. Remove all valuables from your vehicle and insure that all car doors are locked as well. For further information, contact Detective Sergeant Cindy Marion at 765-775-5200.

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